

Ruth

Strong in Character

- I. A cornerstone component of character is loyalty.
1:16; Galatians 5:22; John 13:35
- II. When a person has strong moral character, they will be known for kindness.
2:6, 8-9
 - A. Be wise. Matthew 10:16
 - Make sure there is real need. You want to be part of the solution not part of the problem.
 - B. Be kind. Luke 10:33-34
- III. Someone with strong moral character will display integrity.
2:17; 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- IV. Strong moral character trusts God's protection. God is the supreme controller over our circumstances, no matter how devastating our situation. 1:20
 - A. God will not desert you. Hebrews 13:5
 - B. God is still in control. Proverbs 16:4
 - C. God has a good plan for you. Jeremiah 29:11
- V. Godly character understands that the real blessing of life is not economic prosperity, but high quality relationships. 1:17; 4:13; Matthew 22:39
 - You may be a flop by prosperity/blessings of the world, but you are a champion to God.
- VI. People of high moral character desire the best for others. 3:1
- VII. Our redeemer Jesus Christ, "bought" our sin debt, to guarantee our eternal life. 4:5; Hebrews 2:2-3
 - A. The Cross. Isaiah 53:5
 - B. Lake of Fire. Luke 16:23-24